

zone. The area will be open to public access for recreational and commercial uses, except that dredging, clamming, crabbing, seining, and anchoring of all vessels and any other activity which could result in disturbing or penetrating the bottom is prohibited.

(c) *Enforcing agency.* The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and such agencies as he/she shall designate.

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§ 334.420 Pamlico Sound and adjacent waters, N.C.; danger zones for Marine Corps operations.

(a) *Bombing and rocket firing area in Pamlico Sound in vicinity of Brant Island*—(1) *The area.* The waters within a circular area with a radius of 3.0 statute miles having its center on the southern side of Brant Island at latitude 35°12'30", longitude 76°26'30".

(2) *The regulations.* The area shall be closed to navigation and personnel at all times except for vessels engaged in operational and maintenance work as directed by the enforcing agency. Prior to bombing or firing operations the area will be "buzzed" by plane. Upon being so warned vessels working in the area shall leave the area immediately.

(b) *Bombing, rocket firing, and strafing areas in Pamlico Sound and Neuse River*—(1) *The areas.* (i) The waters within a circular area with a radius of 1.8 statute miles having its center at latitude 35°02'12", longitude 76°28'00".

(ii) The waters within a circular area with a radius of 0.5 statute mile having its center at latitude 35°04'12", longitude 76°28'24".

(iii) The waters within a circular area with a radius of 0.5 statute mile having its center at latitude 35°01'42", longitude 76°25'48".

(iv) The waters within a circular area with a radius of 0.5 statute mile having its center at latitude 34°58'48", longitude 76°26'12".

(2) *The regulations.* (i) The area described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section will be used as bombing, rocket firing, and strafing areas. Live and dummy ammunition will be used. The area shall be closed to navigation and all persons at all times except for such

vessels as may be directed by the enforcing agency to enter on assigned duties. The area will be patrolled and vessels "buzzed" by the patrol plane prior to the conduct of operations in the area. Vessels or personnel which have inadvertently entered the danger zone shall leave the area immediately upon being so warned.

(ii) The areas described in paragraphs (b)(1) (ii), (iii) and (iv) of this section shall be used for bombing, rocket firing, and strafing areas. Practice and dummy ammunition will be used. All operations will be conducted during daylight hours, and the areas will be open to navigation at night. No vessel or person shall enter these areas during the hours of daylight without special permission from the enforcing agency. The areas will be patrolled and vessels "buzzed" by the patrol plane prior to the conduct of operations in the areas. Vessels or personnel which have inadvertently entered the danger zones shall leave the area immediately upon being warned.

(c) *Enforcing agency.* The regulations of this section shall be enforced by the Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, East, Cherry Point, North Carolina, or his authorized representatives.

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§ 334.430 Neuse River and tributaries at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina; restricted area and danger zone.

(a) *The restricted area.* That portion of Neuse River within 500 feet of the shore along the reservation of the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina, extending from the mouth of Hancock Creek to a point approximately 6,800 feet west of the mouth of Slocum Creek, and all waters of Hancock and Slocum Creeks and their tributaries within the boundaries of the reservation.

(b) *The danger zone.* The waters within an area beginning at latitude 34.923425° N, longitude -76.853222° W; thence northeasterly across Hancock

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Creek to latitude 34.925258° N, longitude –76.849864° W; continuing northeasterly to latitude 34.933382° N, longitude –76.835081° W; thence northwesterly to the Neuse River shoreline at latitude 34.936986° N, longitude –76.841197° W, continuing northwesterly to latitude 34.943275° N, longitude –76.852169° W; thence southwesterly along the shorelines to latitude 34.935111° N, longitude –76.859078° W; thence southeasterly along Hancock Creek shoreline to the point of origin.

(c) *The regulations.* (1) Except in cases of extreme emergency, all persons or vessels, other than those operated by the United States Navy or United States Coast Guard, are prohibited from entering the restricted area without prior permission of the enforcing agency.

(2) Entry points into the danger zone will be prominently marked with signage indicating the boundary of the danger zone.

(3) Firing will take place both day and night at irregular periods throughout the year. Appropriate warnings will be issued through official government and civilian channels serving the region. Such warnings will specify the time and duration of operations and give such other pertinent information as may be required in the interest of safety. Upon completion of firing or if the scheduled firing is cancelled for any reason, the warning signals marking the danger zone will be removed.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section the danger zone will be open to general public access. Vessels, watercraft, and other vehicles may proceed through the danger zone.

(5) The regulation in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina, and/or persons or agencies as he/she may designate.

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§ 334.440 New River, N.C., and vicinity; Marine Corps firing ranges.

(a) *Atlantic Ocean east of New River Inlet.* The waters of the Atlantic Ocean within a sector bounded on the north by a line bearing 105° from latitude 34°37'25", longitude 77°10'35"; on the east and south by the arc of a circle having

a radius of 25,000 yards centered at latitude 34°34'15", longitude 77°16'10"; on the west by a line bearing 205° from latitude 34°32'37", longitude 77°18'34", and on the northwest by the shore.

NOTE: All bearings in this section are referred to true meridian.

(b) *New River.* The firing ranges include all waters to the high waterline within eight sections described as follows:

(1) *Trap Bay Sector.* Bounded on the south by a line running from Cedar Point 280° to New River Light 70, thence 254° to Hatch Point; and on the northwest by a line running from Wilkins Bluff 232° to Hall Point.

(2) *Courthouse Bay Sector.* Bounded on the southeast by the northwest boundary of the Traps Bay Sector and on the west by Sneads Ferry Bridge.

(3) *Stone Bay Sector.* Bounded on the east by Sneads Ferry Bridge and on the north by a line running from a point on the east side of New River opposite the head of Sneads Creek 291°30' to the south side of the mouth of Stone Creek.

(4) *Stone Creek Sector.* The northwest portion of Stone Bay, bounded on the south by the north boundary of the Stone Bay Sector; and on the east by longitude 77°26'.

(5) *Grey Point Sector.* Bounded on the south by the north boundary of the Stone Bay Sector; on the west by the east boundary of the Stone Creek Sector; and on the northeast by a line running from Town Point 113° to the south side of the mouth of French Creek.

(6) *Farnell Bay Sector.* Bounded on the south by the northeast boundary of the Grey Point Sector, including French Creek up to longitude 77°20'; and on the north by a line running from Hadnot Point 285°30' to Holmes Point.

(7) *Morgan Bay Sector.* Bounded on the south by the north boundary of the Farnell Bay Sector, including Wallace Creek up to longitude 77°22'; and on the northwest by a line running from Paradise Point 243°30' to Ragged Point.

(8) *Jacksonville Sector.* Bounded on the southeast by the northwest boundary of the Morgan Bay Sector, including Southwest Creek up to the point where it narrows to 200 feet in width, and Northeast Creek up to longitude 77°23'30"; and on the north by an east-